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Applicants also respectfully submit that claims 46 and 47 are patentable over the prior art of record at least for the reasons that claim 46 includes the limitation of providing bonus events to occur in non-sequential hands of the card game and claim 47 provides for displaying the bonus level of each player, neither of which is taught or suggested in the prior art of record.

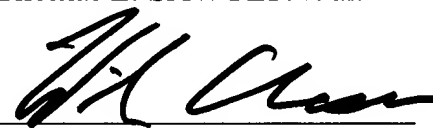
For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the claims now pending patentably distinguish the present invention from the prior art of record. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding prior art rejections and an issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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